

89TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 9878

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 1965

Mr. GALLAGHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

A BILL

To amend the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 to prohibit, except in certain instances, the expenditure of any funds by any executive department or agency of the United States for the acquisition or use of a polygraph (lie detector) machine.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (60 Stat.
4 806-812) is amended by redesignating section 21 as section
5 23 and inserting after section 20 the following new section:
6 “SEC. 21. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b)
7 of this section, no funds available to any executive depart-
8 ment or agency of the United States shall be expended for

1 the acquisition or use of a lie detector machine, hereinafter
2 in this section referred to as a polygraph. For purposes of
3 this section "use" of a polygraph shall include the procure-
4 ment of any services involving the use of a polygraph.

5 “(b) (1) The head or acting head of any executive
6 department or independent agency of the United States may
7 authorize the acquisition or use of a polygraph if he deter-
8 mines such acquisition or use would be of extraordinary
9 necessity in protecting the national interest. Such author-
10 ization shall be required in each instance in which a poly-
11 graph is acquired or used, shall be in writing, and shall set
12 forth in detail the reasons therefor. The authority granted
13 by this subsection may not be delegated.

14 “(2) A copy of each authorization made pursuant to
15 paragraph (1) shall be transmitted promptly to the Speaker
16 of the House and the President of the Senate.”

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